

# St. James United Church of Christ

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## News from Pastor Ken



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Summertime, Summertime! People are actually starting to come out of seclusion and are talking about vacations, weddings, family reunions, and fun on the water. To say nothing about the fact that the gardens are bursting, the birds are chirping, and everyone seems just a little happier. Must be the vitamin D.

I do so enjoy finally having morning prayers and meditation outside on the deck. With a couple cups of coffee or tea, of course.

Something about summer seems to give us permission to take a deep breath, smell the roses (literally and figuratively) and give our minds, bodies and spirits a moment to simply be. Slow down, plan a day trip, go to the beach or anywhere, sit lazily under a tree and read, or simply enjoy some long-awaited time with family and friends.

I have found the challenge for me, and maybe for you, is to not rush through the relaxation. Just be present and enjoy. You know that long list of things you need to get done this summer. I have learned to start the summer accepting the fact that the list of things I want to do is longer than the summer is. So, get done what you can but not at the expense of having some time for yourself.

Summer is a time of regeneration, discovery, and of transformation. The summer is full of exciting opportunities such as graduations, weddings and road trips. It can also be a challenging time for some. Life certainly seems to be full of interesting journeys. Whatever the summer holds for us, know that we lift each other up and keep each other in our hearts and in our prayers.



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## Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

It always amazes me that even as the church year winds down, some of you are already busy planning and getting ready for the fall church calendar. So many of you are busy in selfless ministry. Please remember to take time to breathe and enjoy. This includes Music, Sunday School, outings, fun activities, fellowship and outreach, meals, events, coffee hours, keeping the inside and outside of the property well cared for, bulletins and newsletters published, and on and on and on. Makes me want to rest just thinking about how hard you all work. A BIG thank you to all of you.

It is nice to take a well-deserved break and allow things to be just a little more casual. As we venture off for a time of reflection, vacations, and summer fun, remember that wherever you are, God is there also. So when you have an opportunity, stop in other churches along the road and say "hello". Wherever you are, God is always happy to see you. And when you are back in town, we look forward to seeing you.

Remember that regardless of where the summer takes you, you are held in God's unconditional love, boundless mercy, and unending grace and there is a place for you here. Have a great first month of summer. I look forward to sharing the summer with you.

Take care and be well, Peace.  
Ken

**\*\*Live streaming of Sunday Services will continue at 9:00am on the St. James Facebook page and at 11:00am on St. Johns Facebook page. Both will be available by video once live streaming is completed.\*\***

### Facebook

Please follow St. James on Facebook. New postings, events and Sunday Services are posted on a daily or weekly basis.

### Weekly Emails of Encouragement and Enlightenment

Please sign-up for our weekly emails provided by Pastor Ken. Provide your email address to Pastor Ken at [kgadd@oursstjameschurch.org](mailto:kgadd@oursstjameschurch.org)

## Prayer List ....

Prayers for ..... Gary, Michael, James & Family, Gina, Trudy, Rosemary, Kathy, Bev, Dorothy, Barb, Dan, Dale, Ralph, Elmer, John, Mary

Families of St. John & St. James



## Outreach Ministry

### Helping Hands

**Current Needs:** Crackers, cereal, canned fruit and veggies, boxed foods like Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Mac and Cheese

Not accepting books and furniture currently.

**No expired or opened boxes of food accepted.**

### Kids in Distress

**Current needs** are as follows:

Socks and underwear – all sizes for girls and boys, new or gently used shoes, crib sheets, toothbrushes and toothpaste, baby wipes and toddler size shampoo items for both boys' and girls' coats for girls and boys all

### B-WARM

Continued prayers for the future of the mission. They are currently looking at the possibility of having some new people in place at the beginning of the New Year. Pray that all goes well!!!

## Birthdays in June

6/2 Larry Bandlow  
6/5 Doris Doss  
6/7 Wayne Ingles  
6/10 Mike Lindke  
6/10 Betty Robertson  
6/11 Ian Riley  
6/21 Elise Lyszczyk  
6/24 Joan Teltow  
6/30 Eileen Riley

## Anniversaries in June

6/7 Sue & Mark Tews  
6/9 Amy & Trevor Friedeberg  
6/12 Lynn & Dave Robertson  
6/25 Teri & Bob Wagner  
6/28 Cheryl & Art Wagner

## Earthly Gifts

Our monthly goal for June is \$5,558.25. If you need contribution envelopes, please either call the church 586-727-1963 or send an e-mail to [ourstjameschurch.org](mailto:ourstjameschurch.org) or if you're at service let the greeter know. Thanks

## The Discretionary Fund June 2, 2024

Did you know this fund is utilized to aid with rent, utilities, medical supplies, food, and transportation to doctors, etc.?

This is generated from the loose change collected the first Sunday of each month. Please empty your pockets and change purses that day to meet the needs of our church and community.

## Spiritual Ministry

Please feel free to bring your children to church and partake in the bi-weekly Sunday School classes (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday). Please contact Sue Tews if you are interested in helping with Sunday school.

**Sunday School will resume in the fall.**

# **Father's Day Poem**

## **Happy Father's Day**

Dad, you mean the world to me,

I hope that's something you can see,

Through every up and every down,

You've been there to help me rebound.

I thank you for your constant love,

And guidance from up above,

For all the times you held my hand,

I'm grateful for you, my amazing dad.

*~ Kip Alderidge*

## Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

### Christmas Tote Bags

A new updated list is available downstairs in the church of what is needed for this year. The tote bags are for both boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 14. The items accepted anytime: hygiene items such as: toothbrush holders, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, dental floss, comb/brushes, hair accessories such as head bands, ponytails, clips, bows, and barrettes and school supplies such as: notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, colored markers, pencil sharpeners, scissors (for youngsters and older children), rulers, large erasers. Pens, pencils and socks, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens and toys.

**Please donate travel size items**, we only have so much space to store the items in for the year and we need to get all items to fit in the bags.

### **Bottle / Can Collection**

We are continuing to collect all bottle and cans at church. They can be placed in the back-room downstairs at church.

All donations should be empty and clean bottles and cans. The money will be used towards St. James Painting Project.



### **Military Prayer List**

I will be including a list in the newsletter of our men and women in the military, to acknowledge those who serve and to pray for their safety. Please submit your love one's, family member or friend's name, rank and branch of service to Roberta Fisher to be placed on the list.

Ian Riley - Marines

Kid's Page

# FUN FACTS ABOUT • DAD •

MY DAD IS \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OLD.

MY DAD'S FAVORITE THING TO DO IS \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD'S FAVORITE SPORT IS \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD'S FAVORITE FOOD IS \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD IS REALLY GREAT AT \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD IS FUNNY BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO WITH MY DAD IS \_\_\_\_\_

I LOVE IT WHEN MY DAD \_\_\_\_\_

I KNOW MY DAD LOVES ME BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

I LOVE MY DAD BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## **June Activities**

Saturday, June 1 – Euchre at St. James – 6:30pm

Sunday, June 2 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – 9am

Sunday, June 9 – Sunday Worship with Litany for Graduates – 9am

Tuesday, June 11 – Council Meeting – 6:30pm

Saturday, June 15 – Euchre at St. James – 6:30pm

Sunday, June 16 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – Father’s Day Potluck  
Breakfast after service – 9 am

Tuesday, June 18 – St. James Fundraiser Dinner at Murphy’s Inn – 5pm to 8pm.

Sunday, June 30 – Sunday Worship with Healing -9am

## **Painting Fund**

St. James has started a Painting fund to cover the future costs of paint, painting and scaffolding to repaint the inside of the church. If you would like to donate to this fund, place an envelope in the collection plate earmarked “Paint Project” or mail your donation to church at 9008 Meiner Road, Casco, MI 48064. As of May 26, 2024, we have raised \$6,774.68.

## **Thank you Box**

For all the things that get done in the background of church that no one receives a thank you for. A box with paper has been set up in the front vestibule for you to leave a “Word of Thanks” for anyone for whatever reason. This box will allow members to voice a thank you for that exact reason. The box will be checked for any Thank Yous and will be read in church along with the announcements each week.





**Murphy Inn**  
*Fundraising*  
**Help Support!**

**St. James  
United Church of Christ**

**Where: Murphy Inn**

**Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

**With each flyer presented during this fundraiser event, Murphy Inn will donate 20% of ALL sales.**

**Dine & Donate!!**

**505 Clinton Avenue - St. Clair, MI 48079 - 810-329-7118**

## Scripture Readings for June

### **Sunday, June 2**

#### **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam 3: 1-10, (11-20)  
and Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18 or  
Deut 5: 12-15 and PS 81: 1-10  
2 Cor 4: 5-12  
Mark 2: 23—3: 6

#### **Stretch Out Your Hand**

### **Sunday, June 16**

#### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam 15: 34-16:13 and Ps 20 or  
Ezek 17: 22-24 and Ps 92: 1-4, 12-15  
2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4: 26-34

#### **Flourishing**

### **Sunday, June 9**

#### **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)  
and Ps 138 or  
Gen 3: 8-15 and Ps130  
2 Cor 4: 13 = 5:1  
Mark 3: 20-35

#### **God's Will**

### **Sunday, June 23**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Ps  
9: 9-20 or or 1 Sam 17: 57-18; 10-16 and  
JPs 1333 or Job 38: 1-11 and Ps 107: 1-3,  
23-32, 2 Cor 6: 1-13  
Mark 4: 35-41

#### **Pushing the Boat Out**

### **Sunday, June 30**

#### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27 and Ps 130 or  
Wisd of Sol 1: 13-15, 2:23-24 or Lam 3: 22-33 and Ps 130  
2 or 8: 7-15  
Mark 5: 21-43

#### **Healing Powers**



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